

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

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July 12, 2004

7:00 p.m.

Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

443 S. 135th West

The District V Advisory Board meeting included attendance by five District Advisory Board Members and five City Staff. District V Community Police Officers also attended. Approximately 15 members of the public were present with 5 signing the signup sheet.

Members Present

Bob Bulman
Maurice Ediger
Andy Johnson
DeAnn Sullivan
Ann Welborn
Council Member Bob Martz

Staff Present

Lt. Jeff Weible, Police
District V Community Police Officers
Rob Younkin, Public Works
Kelly Carpenter, Finance
Trinh Bui, Finance
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Members Absent

David Almes
David Dennis
Sean Cash
John Marker
Steve Winslow

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Bob Martz, City Council Member, called the meeting to order at 7:05. Council Member Martz welcomed the public and explained the purpose of the District Advisory Board (DAB) as being a citizen advisory group for him in actions taken during City Council Meetings. He said the role of the DAB was to listen to public input and then make recommendations on agenda items. Council Member Martz said he always provides an opportunity for everyone to speak their comments but asked that the audience be respectful of one another and try not to repeat a point that is previously made by another person.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes for June 9, 2004 were approved with corrections by a unanimous vote of 5:0 (**Bulman/Johnson**). In addition, notes of both the DAB V Workshop on June 22, 2004 and the update meeting for the Master Cowskin Creek Basin on July 8, 2004 were received. The agenda for the July 12, 2004 meeting was approved as presented.

Public Agenda

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present items not shown as part of the regular meeting agenda.

No items were presented.

Unfinished Business

Byron Street Petition for Sanitary Sewer

Rob Younkin, Public Works, presented additional information for the project as requested by DAB V at the June 9 meeting. The resident petition requests construction of a sanitary sewer system along the east side of Byron Street, located south of Douglas & north of Maple between Tyler & Maize Road.

Younkin presented different alternatives for the alignment of the system including estimate costs. He clarified some information regarding the income eligibility deferral guidelines that were discussed at the last meeting and said he thought that one of residents might be eligible for the deferral.

Council Member Martz asked for clarification of the cost information on the alignment originally proposed to which **Younkin** said that if the alignment covered approximately 400 feet as thought, it could probably be accomplished with one manhole, making the cost about \$30,000 over 20 years.

Ediger asked if the annual payments would then be equal at approximately \$802; **Younkin** said that the figures were close.

Henry Harvey, 120 S. Byron, asked how the City would handle his portion of the property needed for the easement; he said he was very concerned because no one from the City had talked to him about this process. **Younkin** said that the City would work with Mr. Harvey on the price of the easement and negotiate a fair price for him as the property owner.

Council Member Martz explained to Harvey that according to his daughter's information on his income that he would qualify for the deferral, which would allow the assessments to be due only when his property transfers ownership.

Bulman said the area needed to have sanitary sewer—that currently two of the three residents want sewer now and the cost will only increase if the project is deferred. With these conditions, Bulman moved to accept the petition. **Ediger** seconded and the motion passed 5:0.

Action: Recommended the petition be approved by City Council (Bulman/Ediger).

Harvey asked when the project would begin and **Council Member Martz** said that he should receive notices from Public Works on the progress of the project.

Staff Reports

Community Police Report

Lt. Jeff Weible, West Patrol Supervisor for CPO (Community Police Officers) reported on calls and complaints about an issue of weapons. The weapons are actually “toy” guns that appear to be authentic and are being sold to youth. The guns fall under the ordinance making it illegal to discharge in the city limits.

Lt. Wieble displayed two of the guns, one replica of a 9 mm Glock and another replica of a M-17, but with a red ring on the end of the barrels. He said many youth cover the red ring that denotes the gun as a “toy” with black marker, making them appear more authentic. The guns shoot plastic pellets by discharging air or gas and are used in gaming fields like paint ball. They are prevalent on the west side and being noted citywide.

The owner of Jungle Toys, which sells the guns, reported that he sold 5-6 per day. A parent must accompany a youth under eighteen years of age when purchasing one of the guns. Officers reported that the owner was very cooperative with the officers and understood the legalities of selling the guns.

Lt. Weible distributed a handout of a press release about the guns and said that the information will be included in the next Community Police Newsletters sent to residents. He asked that the public be aware of the guns and report any use of them in the city limits.

Regarding crime trends in District V for Beats 18, 19, & 199, Lt. Wieble said that the numbers of thefts & larcenies remained high for articles from both unlocked and locked automobiles and through open garage doors. One break-in occurred by entrance to the home through the open garage while homeowners were working in the backyard. He cautioned everyone to be aware and to take precautions accordingly.

Council Member Martz thanked Lt. Weible and stated that he would like his thanks conveyed to the officers who were involved in the arrest on the west side about a week ago.

Edgier asked if Police had any assessment of the Fourth of July. **Lt. Wieble** said he didn't have statistics but he was aware that Police were backed up on complaint calls from citizens. He said they were very busy but Fire & Police worked well together.

Sullivan asked how a person would recover items stolen to which Lt. Wieble said to call Larceny or Auto Theft Offices. **Bulman** suggested that information be sent to the District V e-mail distribution list.

Action: Receive and file

Advisory Report on Ninth Street Bridge at Westlink Ditch

Rob Younkin, Public Works, reported on the status of a project to replace the Ninth Street Bridge, located between Maize and Tyler. The bridge is currently closed due to extensive damage to the deck, needing total replacement. Modifications to the previous structure, built in 1962, are necessary to accommodate a deeper canal. The project is estimated to require 3 months to complete & will begin in January 2005.

Younkin said that the project qualifies for Federal funding administered by Kansas Department of Transportation. The project has been approved by KDOT and funding assistance approved. The bridge cost is estimated at \$250,000 with \$80,000 to be paid by the City from General Obligation Bonds. The Capital Improvement Program will be revised to provide the project funding.

Rich Schlitt, P.E. with Professional Engineering Consultants, said his company is working with the city on the project. He provided handout information on the details of the project, explaining that the entire intersection around the bridge will be improved for traffic control and safety. He noted examples such as curved walls around the corners of the bridge and six-foot sidewalks to be built on each side of Ninth Street. Schlitt said that Westlink Street would need to be partially closed from January-March 2005 to rebuild the bridge and intersection.

Some discussion took place on the need to inform the residents in the area. **Younkin** said that would take place later this fall prior to beginning construction.

Bulman (Johnson) moved that the report be received and filed. Motion passed 5:0.

Action: Received and filed

New Business

Proposed Budget Presentation

Kelly Carpenter, Interim Finance Director, and Trinh Bui, Budget Analyst, presented the current proposal for the 2005 City Budget. Their presentation involved a Power Point review of general city budget information and specific information regarding the proposed budget. References were also made to the Proposed 2005 Budget Summary booklet provided previously in the DAB Agenda packets.

DAB Members asked several questions and made comments including the budget process, sales tax, ad valorem tax, reserve fund, internal debt service, future increase to mill levy, sales tax, guest tax, and the number of vehicles in the fleet. Support was given by DAB Members for the city sharing the support of School Resource Officers with USD 259.

Due to the mill levy being set by July 20, **Carpenter** encouraged DAB Members and citizens to submit input to the Budget Office or the Neighborhood Assistant by July 15, 2004. Any other comments, they said, would be taken until August 3 when the Council will formally adopt the budget at that Tuesday's council meeting. Carpenter said that the Finance Department would be glad to answer any questions if members or residents would call or e-mail her.

Bulman moved to receive and file. Motion passed 5:0.

Action: Received and filed

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues, and Reports

Council Member Martz reported on the DAB V Workshop held on Tuesday, June 22, saying that it was worthwhile and he hoped more members could attend any future workshops. Notes from the meeting were previously provided. He also reported on the public meeting for the updates on the Master Plan for Cowskin Creek Basin held on Thursday, July 8. He said that both Black & Veatch Engineering firm and the U.S. Corps of Engineers had presented helpful information.

Council Member Martz also discussed the upcoming Wranglers baseball game on Thursday, July 19, to which all DAB V Members and spouses were invited. Several members indicated that they planned to attend. Through discussion, it was decided that everyone would bring snacks and the group would meet around 6:30 p.m. on the south side parking lot.

Bulman requested that the Office of Central Inspection be contacted about some issues remaining from construction work along Northshore Boulevard. He said a 2-foot hole needs to be backfilled from drilling under the street. In addition, drainage along the northeast side of the street where

sewer was constructed needs to be addressed. He said he had talked to Public Works on July 1 and again July 9. Staff will contact the departments to address.

Discussion also occurred on the Public Agenda and whether it is in an appropriate place on the meeting agenda. It was decided to move it to the end of the agenda to not keep others waiting who attend for specific agenda items. Staff will make that change.

Council Member Martz stated that the next meeting for District Advisory Board V is scheduled at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at **7:00 p.m. on August 2.**

Action: No action required.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant
City Council District V

Guest List:

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Bud Hentzen